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Electricity

Update: FirstEnergy's Beaver Valley Nuke in Pennsylvania on 48-hour Waiver

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has placed a 48-hour waiver on FirstEnergy Corp.'s Beaver Valley Unit Two reactor in Shippingport, Pennsylvania. The plant needs to replace an air filtration system within 48 hours or shut down.

<http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/view.php?StoryID=20060412-093517-3800r>

Kentucky affirms air permit for Peabody's 1,500 MW Thoroughbred Plant

Kentucky state officials approved an air permit for Peabody Energy's proposed 1,500-MW Thoroughbred Energy coal-fired minemouth plant in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/7387982.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

Fuel Leak Causes Fire at University of Connecticut Power Plant

A fire caused by a leak in a fuel line closed the University of Connecticut's power plant early April 13. The fire was extinguished, and no serious damage was sustained. The university temporarily switched to power from Connecticut Light and Power.

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/connecticut/articles/2006/04/13/small_fire_closes_uconn_power_plant/?rss_id=Boston.com+ %2F+News](http://www.boston.com/news/local/connecticut/articles/2006/04/13/small_fire_closes_uconn_power_plant/?rss_id=Boston.com+%2F+News)

OPG's 535 MW Oil/Gas-fired Unit 4 at its Lennox Facility in Ontario Shut April 13

Reuters, 19:14 April 13, 2006.

Petroleum

Power Outage Forces Closure of 300,000 b/d Cardon Refinery in Venezuela – No Impact on Supply Seen

Authorities closed the 300,000 b/d Cardon refinery in Venezuela when a power outage hit the refinery during the morning of April 14. In a statement, PDVSA, the state owned oil company, said that the outage would not affect supplies since inventories would be used to meet shipments. The company is investigating the cause of the outage and is working to restore normal operations. No estimate was provided as to when production will be resumed.

Reuters, 13:17 April 14, 2006.

Bloomberg, 12:37 April 14, 2006.

If No Agreement with World Bank, Chad Will Suspend Oil Production

A cabinet minister announced that unless an agreement is reached with the World Bank concerning the use of oil revenues, oil production in the country would cease at midday on April 18. Oil production currently totals approximately 165,000 b/d.

Reuters, 12:44 April 14, 2006.

Natural Gas

U.S. Rig Count Climbs by 31, 84 Percent Looking for Natural Gas

According to the latest weekly data from BakerHughes, the number of active rigs exploring for oil and gas in the U.S. rose by 31 from the previous week. The total number of rigs was 1,610 with 1,349 in use exploring for natural gas and 259 exploring for oil.

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060413/rig_count.html?v=2

Other News

99 Megawatt Erie Shores Wind Farm, Largest in Ontario, Opens

66 wind turbines will generate 99 megawatts of electricity from Ontario's largest wind farm, Erie Shores, which recently opened. The wind farm stretches along the shoreline of Lake Erie between Copenhagen and Clear Creek, Ontario.

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/April2006/13/c4408.html>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices April 14, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	69.46	67.02	51.11
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	6.64	6.81	7.02

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Rhode Island Bill May Block LNG Tankers Traveling to Proposed Weaver's Cove Terminal

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8kowu%5D%5BgmqqnjnVThet9K%22bfe%5Dv>

Petrobras Planning to Build Ethanol Pipeline Network by 2008

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/7388034.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

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<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

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http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

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Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

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